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Mushrooms are to acid what a candle is to a fluorescent lightbulb.

— John and Sarah

### This day in The Gateway's history:

Newcoming first-year students were welcomed at the Canadian Pacific Railway station by a brass band, a bagpiper, cheerleaders and a crowd with signs reading "Welcome Frosh." The freshmen were then treated to free coffee and directed to buses which carried them to campus.

**1954**

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Brent Oliver and his shadow puppets entertain guests of the Slow Fresh Oil show in Rebar on Saturday. See page 15 for details.

Cl. Couldwell / THE GATEWAY

## Minister of Learning receptive to students' needs, thinks VP (External)

Christie Tucker  
News Editor

Students' Union VP (External) Leslie Church met with Lyle Oberg on Friday last week to bring students' concerns to the attention of the Minister of Learning.

Church went to the meeting as the chair of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS), which represents 70 000 students from across the province.

"We went there with three main issues," explained Church. The first was on the topic of the amount

of extra income student loan recipients are allowed before deductions from the total amount borrowed.

Currently, student loan recipients can earn up to \$200 a month from employment, or receive up to \$800 in scholarships and bursaries before the extra income is taken directly from their monthly living allowance. The CAUS requested that the amounts be combined, which would give students a total maximum allowable exemption of \$1000, to be used for either employment, scholarships, or both.

The new proposal would give students "more room to breathe," said Church. "If you want to work, that gives you more hours," she said. Currently, the student loan living allowance is not compatible with the actual cost of living near campus, said Church. Student loan applicants are allotted a maximum of \$305 a month to pay for both rent and utilities. To come up with that amount, said Church, the government took the national average of the price of a one-bedroom apartment, and divided it in half, expect-

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## GSA president concerned about pesticides

Dawn Moffat  
News Staff

The use of pesticides on the University of Alberta campus has been the cause of some concern on the part of several students, including Graduate Students' Association President Laura Bonnett. Over the summer, Bonnett noticed several small pesticide signs on various lawns around campus. Superintendent of Grounds and Operations Greg Wiens said that pesticides had not been used. The groundskeeper had apparently been spreading fertilizer, and the signs, which the Grounds Dept. had obtained previously, were reused to keep people from walking on the grass.

The U of A currently has no specific policy regarding the use of pesticides on university property. Bonnett expressed concern regarding the matter, especially since children from on-campus daycare centres often use grassy areas. "I wanted to know if the issue had been debated, and I think it's important to have this on the agenda. Environmental concerns need to be discussed and debated more widely here," she said.

Greg Wiens' main concern is that such a policy may leave no room for exceptional situations. These policies tend to say, "Thou shalt never!" They don't leave any room for the rare time when pesticides may be called for." According to Wiens, the University's rule of thumb is to err on the side of caution. "We try to use pesticides

PLEASE SEE "FEARS" ON PAGE 2



Pandas show the University of Victoria Vikes that heads aren't just for learning during last week's action-packed conference opener. They came away with one victory and one loss under their belts.

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# FOIPP bad news for blabbermouths, public officials

Ryan Smith

News Editor

Passed by the provincial government in 1994 as a means to keep Alberta institutions more accountable to the public, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) Act was implemented at the U of A on September 1, 1999.

The Act is a wide-ranging set of rules meant to govern the spread of information. According to U of A Vice-President (Academic), Doug Oram, the most notable change resulting from the implementation of FOIPP is that students, if they make a request through the University's FOIPP office, are now legally entitled to see personal reference letters written for them by U of A profs for the purpose of acceptance to Graduate school. This policy is retroactive. Also available are letters written to U of A faculty members from profs at other Universities. "These letters were traditionally confidential," Oram explained.

Oram also said that he is not sure what the ramifications will be now that these letters are suddenly no longer confidential, but he mentioned that some professors may be less willing to write reference letters now, and that other Universities may take letters from U of A profs less seriously because the students have access to them. "For the most part it's not a problem, but it's the one per cent and the unknown that you worry about," he said.

Oram's other prime FOIPP concern is that the Act will constitute an unnecessarily large burden on the University's administrative staff. "Before if you wanted information you'd just call the office you wanted it from and they'd send it to you; now you might make a FOIPP request instead, and that starts a long bureaucratic process," he said.

Presenting at the September 10 Board of Governor's meeting, FOIPP Coordinator Bryan Corbett told Board members that they, and all other University committee members, should destroy all

unnecessary documents after meetings, including notes jotted down, because these documents become public domain if a FOIPP request is tendered. Corbett noted that once a request has been made all relevant documents become frozen, and if any of those documents are destroyed after a request has been placed, then a fine of up to \$40 000 may be imposed.

However, in spite of the changes the FOIPP act incurs, a Gateway poll of 50 students across campus last Friday revealed that 92 per cent of them didn't recognize the FOIPP acronym. Grad student Etienne Bolduc was one of the few students who recognized the FOIPP acronym. "All of us at MLCS [Modern Languages and Culture Studies] know about FOIPP—we've all been trained," he said.

Referring to the policy that all permanent University records, including everything from email to voice-mail messages, may be accessible by the public, Bolduc added, "I feel a little pressure because I've got to watch my every

word now."

At a FOIPP seminar provided for interested University committee members last Friday in the Tory breezeway, Corbett said, "the introduction of FOIPP should not change the standing practices of this institution." He added that "a FOIPP request is meant to be used after someone asks for information from the University, but didn't receive all that he thought he was entitled to."

FOIPP requests for both personal and public information may be made by submitting a written FOIPP request form to the FOIPP office located in the Ring House one, which is on campus near the Faculty Club. FOIPP request forms may be picked up at the FOIPP office, or any Faculty Department office. So far only three FOIPP requests have been filed, one by a student and two by staff members, all wanting personal information. Corbett said "some universities in British Columbia get two to three requests based on their Act, so I think we can reasonably expect to get two to three a month as well."

# U of T president under fire

Nicola Luksic

The Varsity

TORONTO (CUP)—University of Toronto President Robert Prichard has compromised the University's integrity by writing letters to Ottawa on behalf of Canada's largest generic drug company, Apotex Inc, critics say.

"Universities are supposed to exist for the public interest," said Jim Turk, executive director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers. "This is precisely why the university's embrace of the corporate sector fundamentally compromises the university's role in a democratic society."

Apotex has promised \$20 million to U of T towards the building of a \$90 million centre for cellular and biomolecular research. Another \$35 million donation, which will partly go towards a new building for the faculty of pharmacy, is still under negotiation, said Apotex Chairman Dr Barry Sherman. But these lofty donations have been put on hold due to Apotex's struggles with Bill C-94.

The 1993 bill imposed regulations that impeded generic drug companies from benefiting from drug research company patents.

Sherman said he wants to see the restrictions loosened up, adding that he expected Prichard to write the federal government on behalf of his company. "I simply told Prichard the facts," said Sherman. He added that if the total \$55 million gift were to go through, "it would have been the largest corporate donation to a university in Canada."

But Prichard now says his lobbying efforts on behalf of Apotex were wrong. "I told Dr Sherman that it was a mistake," said Prichard. "He didn't think it was one for obvious reasons—basically I did what he told me to do."

Meanwhile, U of T's executive council members accepted Prichard's apology. "He's sorry he's put the institution in an awkward position," said Governing Council chair Wendy Cecil-

Cockwell. "The executive committee is extremely supportive of Rob."

But some professors believe Prichard made a mistake by bowing to Apotex's demands in the first place.

Not so long ago, U of T professor Nancy Olivieri was waging a battle with Apotex—Apotex had withdrawn its funding of her deferiprone study after she discovered the drug's adverse effects in 1996. "It seems to me that many people here believe science is for sale," said Olivieri. "The Canadian public knows Apotex's role in attempting to suppress negative information arriving out of clinical trials."

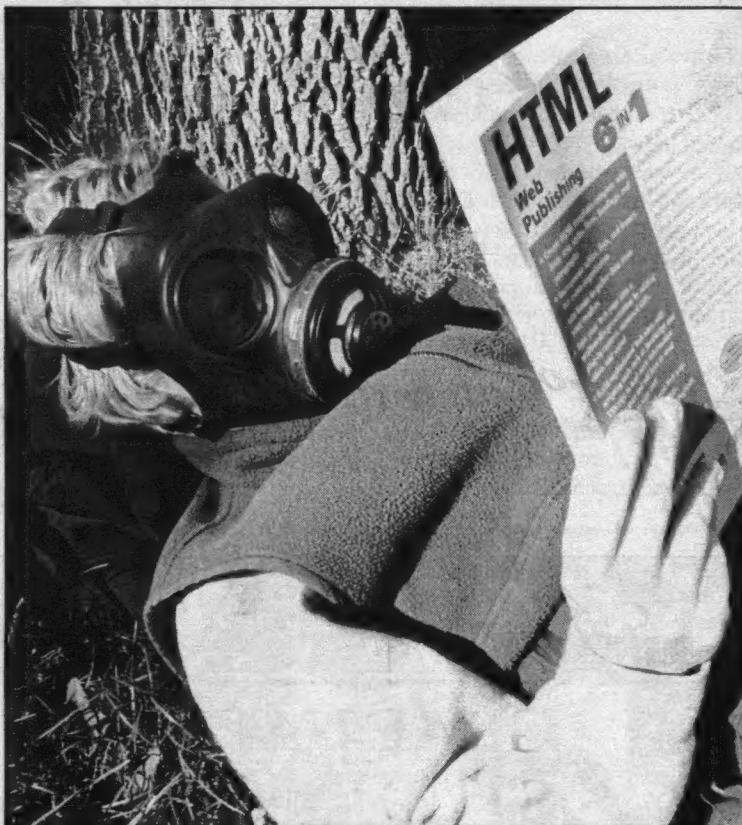
During the Apotex affair, Olivieri claimed U of T was not providing her with adequate support because of its Apotex ties.

Administrators, however, insist this has nothing to do with U of T's relationship with Apotex. "We decided not to discuss the issue of the gift with them until the Olivieri matter was settled," said U of T provost Adel Sedra.

"This has nothing to do with Dr Olivieri," added Prichard. "The university has been very committed to the defence of her academic freedom."

The U of T donation is not the only one pending for Apotex. According to Sherman, the company has about \$50 million of its commitments in jeopardy. Other institutions promised donations from the drug giant include Humber River Regional Hospital and "almost every university" in Canada.

Humber River, promised \$5 million, also wrote a letter on Apotex's behalf. "The extraordinary thing is that Apotex believes it can buy political favours," said Dr Brenda Gaillie, a doctor at Princess Margaret Hospital. "Apotex has been able to control science in Canada, certainly at the University of Toronto. Apotex controls many universities in Canada. It's scary. His [Sherman's] money has a pretty high price on it."



Pesticides on the University grounds are worrying this woman.

Photo illustration / Cl. Couldwell / THE GATEWAY

# Fears unwarranted, says Grounds Superintendent

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absolutely as little as possible. We will even consider replacing a tree, rather than use harmful chemicals. On the rare occasion that a rare or valuable plant requires the use of pesticides, we bring in a certified, licensed applicator to do the job. We adhere to very strict provincial guidelines."

Many other universities across the country already have policies governing the use of pesticides. Carleton University in Ottawa has a pest and weed control policy monitored by the Grounds Dept. and the Environmental Health and Safety Department. Carleton Grounds Supervisor Bill Radway said the University is taking the approach of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). "This method uses watering and culturing techniques to avoid the unnecessary use of pesticides. It's one of the

cutting-edge approaches to pest management," he stated.

The University of British Columbia has no set policy, but is also using the IPM approach. In addition, the University must comply to stringent provincial guidelines. "We have to submit a pest control plan to the Environment Minister every year," said John Heady, UBC Sub-Head Gardener. "Their committees review the plan and either accept it or request changes. It's a very controlled process."

Weins stressed that despite the lack of formal policy regarding the use of pesticides, the University of Alberta makes a point of keeping the presence of the potentially harmful chemicals to a minimum. "I'm fairly certain that we haven't used pesticides for about two years. We don't even keep any of these chemicals stored on campus," he said.





Maria Dunn pours out her soul for the poor.

Chris Miller / THE GATEWAY

## Telus benefit raises poverty issues

Chris Miller  
NEWS STAFF

Holding a benefit concert for Canada's second-largest phone company may have been in jest, but the problem it aimed to highlight was very serious.

The Telus More Gala Benefit, held Friday night at the Strathcona Legion, was a way to bring to light the problems faced by low-income earners who can't afford regular telephone service. Organized by the anti-poverty group Our Action, the event attracted about 250 people who paid 35 cents each the cost of a phone call to attend.

"If we'd held a standard protest, it wouldn't have got the media interest we've got, or the diverse crowd we got," said James Rowe, associate director of Our Action.

Rowe said Our Action wants to see Telus lend its support to providing telephone service for low-income earners, and Friday's event was one way to emphasize that. "What's necessary is for them to realize they've got a responsibility. They've got to start meeting with legislators and other [corporations] and try to find a solution to this."

People without telephone service face serious problems, ranging from being unable to call 9-1-1 during emergencies to being unable to accept calls from prospective employers, Rowe said.

Although some performers at the event made jokes about Telus, Rowe emphasized that it was all in fun, and that organizers are serious about getting Telus involved.

"We've got to get Telus on board. To alienate them would be counter-productive."

As well as featuring six musical acts, Food Not Bombs supplied a free dinner for the event, and the Strathcona Legion donated the space for it. With people dancing to the performers' music and hardly a free table to be found, Rowe was more than pleased with how the event turned out. "It's conveying the message well, and people are

having a good time. It's been a stellar success," he said.

The next step will be to donate the proceeds from the 35 cent cover charge to Telus, then waiting to see what effect that has, Rowe explained. He is also waiting to hear back from Telus after applying for the Chief Executive Officer's job. Rowe applied for the position after learning that George Petty resigned as CEO for Telus earlier this month. He quipped that once Telus realizes it needs stronger leadership "I'll be getting the job."

However, Telus spokesman Jeff Welke said there are no plans in the works to supply low-income people with reduced rate telephone service. "Our position has been fairly clearly stated. We're a business and charge a certain rate," he said. "We feel it's affordable."

Welke said that Telus has to provide evidence of affordability to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission four times per year. So far, the CRTC has determined that telephone rates in Alberta are affordable, said Welke. He also said the accessibility of telephones, called the penetration rate, is 98.7 per cent in Alberta, giving most people easy access to telephone service.

"The question of poverty is an important one and we don't mean to diminish it at all," he added.

But social services are still the role of government, and Telus doesn't see itself taking over that position. "As a company and as a competitive business, that is something that is not our role," he said, adding that telephone service isn't considered a basic need. "Social programs and social services look at the basic necessities of food and shelter as their priority."

While he was glad to hear that Friday's event was a success, Welke said he doesn't think Telus will accept the funds raised by the cover charge.

"We'd respectfully decline the proceeds and ask that he [Rowe] donate them to a charity of his choice."

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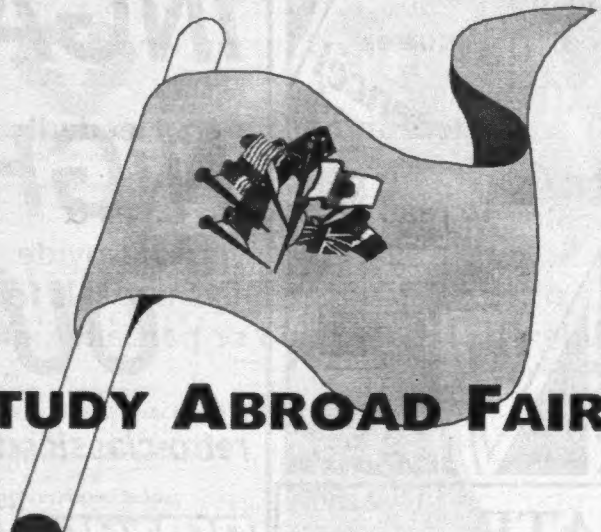
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Volunteers shared soup with students in Quad on Friday afternoon. The event was a drive for supplies for the Campus Food Bank.

Alan Wharmby / THE GATEWAY

## Stone Soup raises donations for Campus Food Bank

Mike Johanson  
 NEWS STAFF

*President Fraser has acknowledged this event, and that poverty on campus is an issue*

— Andrea Thompson, organizer, Stone Soup Friday

If you passed through Quad on Friday afternoon, you may have noticed the smell of warm soup in the air. It was the first 'Stone Soup Friday'—free bowls of hearty vegetable soup for students and staff who brought a donation for the Campus Food Bank.

The theme is from a children's story. A vagrant man, when turned away from a village, adds a stone to a pot of water and begins to heat it. The villagers, curious about how such a soup would taste, bring the man the vegetables and supplies he needs to make the soup even better. In the end, everyone is well

fed, and the man retrieves his stone for the next time he may need it.

It's unsure whether or not there were stones in the soup, but the success of this fundraiser, however, is not. Stone Soup organizer Andrea Thompson, a 3rd year student, was proud to say "President Fraser has acknowledged this event, and that poverty on campus is an issue."

Recognition of poverty as a problem, both on and off campus, was at the heart of Thompson's efforts. Since usage of the Campus Food

Bank alone has almost doubled since 1993, keeping people aware of the problem of poverty is a never-ending task.

As for donations collected for the Campus Food Bank, by 4:00 an industrial sized barrel had been filled with food; also, some monetary donations had been collected. All in all, Thompson said it was an impressive turnout considering the problems she had in distributing posters and informing the people. Now that the event is in people's minds, she said, next year's Stone Soup Friday should be even better.

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## Oberg's response positive

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ing two students to share the accommodation, which Church believes is not realistic.

Oberg agrees. "Dr Oberg was very receptive," said Church. "He said 'That makes perfect sense to me.'"

The CAUS committee's second concern was the price of tuition. "He said that as a minister he's very sympathetic to students with loans, but he is not in support of decreasing the rate of tuition increases. It's one area which we really have to work on with the government," said Church. Oberg graduated from the U of A in medicine with roughly \$30 000 in debts, but does not seem to be supportive of a tuition freeze. CAUS is not going to force the issue. "We don't want to lose the fight completely by taking a position that's untenable," said Church.

An alternative avenue which CAUS is exploring is the possibility of a project similar to the Rutherford Scholarships available to high school students. "It's the idea of a scholarship program which would be renewable for your second, third and fourth year. It would be assessed to university students with an honours average. The minister thought it was a great idea," said Church.

The third issue which CAUS brought to the table is the possibility of a comprehensive study on student finance. "We don't have a study that synthesizes information about student loans with credit and jobs. We asked the government to begin an independent study, and they agreed to do that in collaboration with us. They're even picking up the tab," she said.

It took CAUS three months to set up the meeting with Oberg, but Church feels that the effort was worthwhile. "We were very impressed with the response from Oberg in the meeting. He seems like someone who is willing to get things done."

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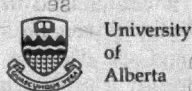
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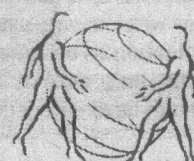
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## EDITORIAL

### Indisputably recognize this

We have seen a lot of University President Rod Fraser gracing the pages of national newspapers of late. He has become the middle-aged poster child for our particular brand of Alberta-style education, and that is the most any of us have seen of him in the past year or so. With all of his work overseas courting international students and trying to improve the U of A's reputation abroad, Fraser, and by association, his administration, have raised questions at home as to his commitment to the interests of students, both locally and internationally.

A good reputation—I think the idea is—will both increase international enrollment and make our degrees more valuable in the long run. But the proposed increase of tuition for foreign students—a full one hundred per cent—does not make for a very warm welcome for those students who decide that they do want to study in Alberta. Fraser seems to be willing to risk accessibility to the U of A for the sake of its reputation. The idealist in me is disappointed in the egalitarianism of such dramatic snobbery, although by this time I probably should have come to expect it.

From what I have seen over the past few years, the student body is becoming more alienated from the administration. A member of the Board of Governors has told me that the Board was not consulted about the controversial purchase of Newton Place, and the elected student representatives on this important decision-making body had no chance to voice their concerns. The University has since reduced the severity of rent increases they had planned to impose on the residents of Newton Place because of public dissent. It's a small victory for stu-

dents, giving us a glimmer of hope that maybe if things get really bad, if students are moved to scream and shout and make the administration very uncomfortable, that a message might get through and incite a response.

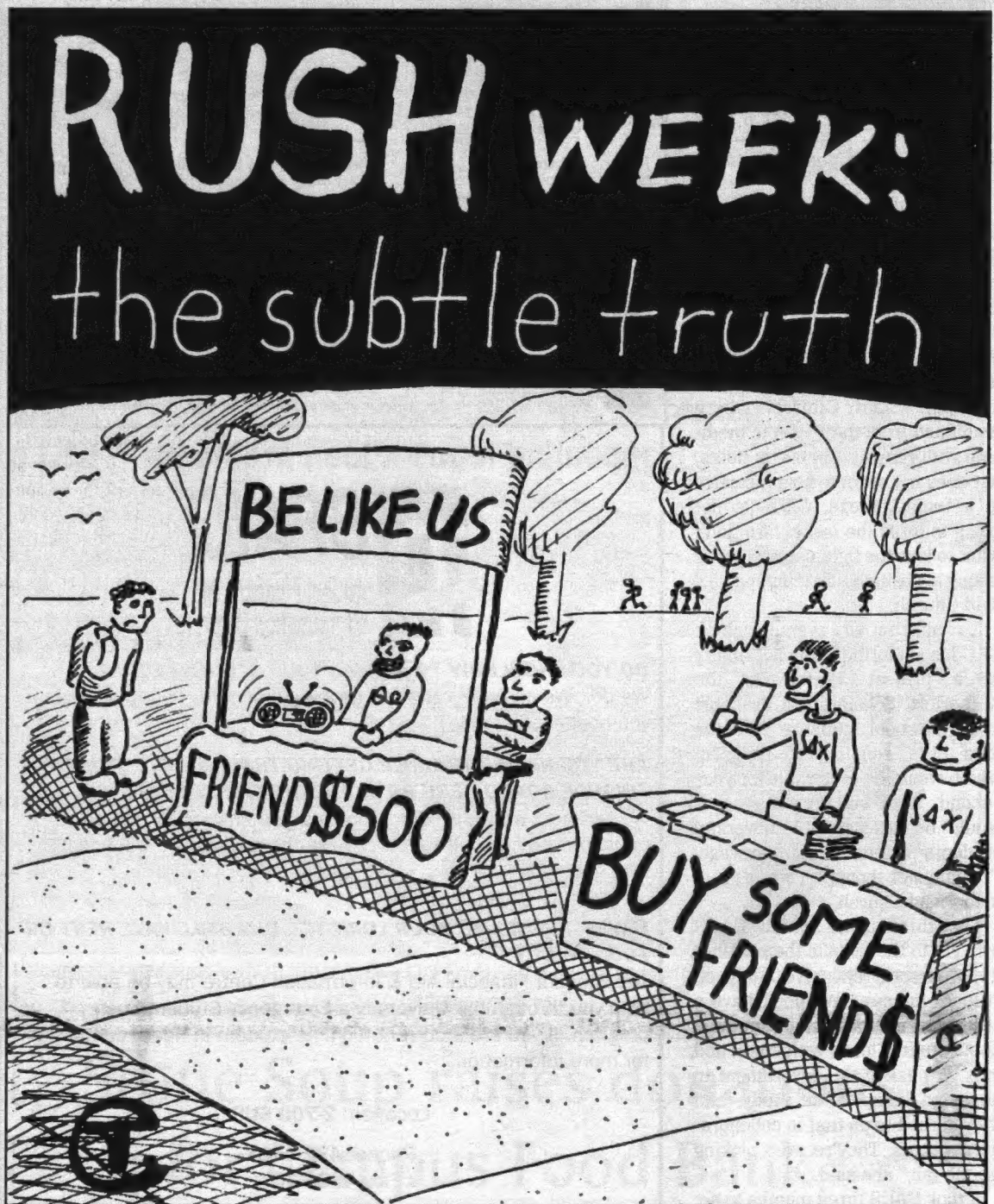
But there are times when this administration stands apart from the students, and cannot be forced, cajoled or begged to take up our cause and take an iron stand against the government on issues like tuition increases.

At the University of Calgary, the administration has joined the Students' Union in making a formal plea for a tuition freeze in Alberta. Last year, the U of A Students' Union went alone to meetings with Premier Klein and, then Advanced Education and Career Development Minister, Clint Dunford, asking for tuition relief on behalf of the students.

The administration tells us that the issue is more complicated than just demanding a tuition freeze, and that the money given to the University is tied up in projects and cannot be put towards tuition. That may be true, and I admit that they do know more about the fine tuning of governmental diplomacy than I do. But as a student with a lot invested at the U of A—time, aspirations, and a hell of a lot of money—I need a signal of good faith from our administrators. They need to give the students of the University of Alberta, including the international students who face a possibly very prohibitive tuition increase, a sign that the administration is working for, not against us.

Christie Tucker

News Editor



## LETTERS

### BC woman's fight for reinstatement misinterpreted

Ms Springer did not understand the facts when she discussed the reinstatement of BC firefighter Tawney Meiorin in last Thursday's article, "A Setback to Women's Achievements." Ms Meiorin was given her job back because she proved to the Supreme Court that the endurance test did not have any bearing on the ability of a person, man or woman, to fight forest fires. (Incidentally, it is unlikely that you would ever be in the middle of a "burning building" in the middle of a forest, so don't worry.)

The BC standards are going to be changed to reflect the true physical requirements of forest firefighting, not so "more women can access every corner of the workforce." I honestly believe women must prove themselves able for employment, but you have chosen the wrong case study for your point, in that Ms. Meiorin was not asking for "special favours or concessions."

Obviously, some people have limitations which prevent them from accessing some jobs, but employers must only discriminate on the basis of necessary abilities. As a feminist, I agree that women must be judged on a level playing field to ever claim equality, but this was a case of needless discrimination.

TILA PELLETIER  
PHARMACY II

### Minority groups need own criteria

Regarding Cynthia Springer's column in the Gateway Sept. 16th, I could not help but respond. It's bad enough that Ms. Springer wishes to delude herself with fantasies of women's achieved equality, it's worse that she feels the need to share. She is frustrated that "too many women" are using sexual discrimination as an excuse when "they fail" and asks if an Asian man could have cried dis-

crimination because the test was designed with Caucasian males in mind. Or, if a five foot man could protest if a test was designed for men over six feet. Well, yes on both counts. I can recall when police forces were ordered to remove their minimum height restrictions because they appeared to serve no other purpose than to keep Asians from applying. It's called systemic discrimination and it's clear that this is the case with respect to the firefighter episode in BC. Ask any forest firefighter worth her salt and she'll tell you that the last thing one does in a fire is run. Gender discrimination, you bet.

MIMI WILLIAMS  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

### TLFTs have a place in The Gateway

Among the numerous and substantial changes the former E.I.C made to the Gateway last school season, killing the TLFTs wasn't the brightest. Sure they may be "amateurish and intellectually blight," loved by "half-wits and morons" but removing the TLFTs was wrong.

Mr Fairbairn seems quite concerned with the calibre of Gateway

readership. But, cleansing the paper of TLFTs didn't help to increase circulation much nor did it sit easy with all readers. As well, it cut the chances of some dunderpate from happening across a striking editorial. All you left for bait were the comics. All that said, TLFTs are still dead. Mr Ozano hasn't revived them. Instead we are dealing with a new phenomenon, TLFTs. As of yet, I think it is unclear how fronting two loonies will impact the three lines submitted for the back pages. Only the future will tell. For now, let's give them a chance.

GERARD McLARNEY  
EDUCATION II

### Tuition installment fee response from admin

With reference to your letter dated August 17, 1999 querying the appropriateness of a tuition installment fee, students registering under Registration Deposit system are able to register in term 1 (Fall) and Term 2 (Winter) at the same time and not pay for Term 2 until the end of January. Consequently, the University is financing the payment deferral for a four-month

period. Term 1 fees must be paid by the end of September but they do not have to pay Term 2 fees until the end of January.

Based on the above, the increase in installment charge is there to more accurately reflect current circumstances. The charge is composed of a financing charge associated with the deferral of payment of fees for a four-month period and an administrative charge for processing your account twice.

This charge is lower than a student's cost of credit from most financial institutions.

BIRDIE MCLEAN, MANAGER  
PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

### Take back the Whyte

Wow, it's three in the morning on a Friday night just off of Whyte Ave, and I am getting yelled at by drunken gumption in a security blanket called a car. What insight these people have—drunken rednecks, un-informed and pissed off because they didn't get laid (not that they've had sex before). "Hey, let's drive around drunk, and yell 'faggot' and 'skater' at everyone who isn't retarded."

Sorry for not looking like a Gap



## Whyte Ave is a disgrace, and so are its patrons



Neal Ozano

You know, I really don't mind if the city decides to close down the bars earlier. In fact, I applaud any act that allows the community surrounding Whyte Ave to maintain some semblance of normalcy, even if for just a little while longer.

In fact, every bar on Whyte Ave that caters to loud, idiotic suburban rich kids and their idiot-mobiles should shut down completely, as far as I'm concerned.

Because, what drunks and bar-owner on Whyte Avenue don't want to acknowledge, is that people live on this street, and the streets and avenues that surround it. They aren't relocated to a safe-haven during the night. They still have to

read their books, and raise their children in the homes and apartments while suburban cruisers rumble by at 2 in the morning.

And there seems to be a double-standard in this city.

It's two in the morning. I'm cruising up and down a quiet street in the upper-middle class neighbourhood of Riverbend. My stereo is blaring Lou Vega, and my muffler on my car is so "cool" that it actually amplifies the racket coming out of my Ford Mustang's five-litre engine. And, 10 seconds later, the cops come and tag me on a noise complaint for waking up all the yuppies.

Alternate universe: It's two in the morning. I'm cruising up 80th avenue in my stupid Mustang again. The racket rattles the windows on the old, over-packed houses full of poor, underprivileged students trying to quietly relax after a long week of either underpaid manual labour, or monotonous classes.

Two-thirty in the same neighbourhood, I'm still cruising. Not a cop in sight. Nobody complains, or,

if they have, no one seems to be listening. I get out of my car, stinking drunk, and start a fight in front of Rebar as other drunks pour out the doors after last call. Other drunk suburban kids egg me on as I scream at the top of my lungs as a beat cop tries to make me shut my idiot face. The kids scream at the 'pigs,' protesting the harsh 'oppression' they're faced with.

And I (as the resident of the neighbourhood) cringe. I can spend an evening sitting in a pub on Whyte Ave, and still come out with some semblance of dignity. I don't drive home, and I certainly don't get in a fight. And I don't smash beer bottles all over the ground on my way. I don't obliterate bus-shelter glass panels as I pass by them, either. I respect my neighbours, and my neighbourhood, and the fact that maybe my next-door neighbour doesn't want to hear me bellow at the top of my lungs at 3:30 am. But it seems that people who don't actually live in this community don't have this same respect. So, I strongly support any changes that reduce the number of

hours bars are open on the weekend. The bars won't go bankrupt if their hours are cut back.

There's no way that a company that sells a glass of rotten water and grass can not make a profit, it's just that they want to make more profit. I can't fault them for that, though. Any business-owner who wants to open his business the next day knows that he has to make enough money today. But when they're doing it at the expense of the physical appearance of the neighbourhood, and the well-being of the community of Old Strathcona, I find it unfair.

If it were any other neighbourhood in the city, there would be no question as to whether or not preventative measures would be taken by the community league or the city council.

So, here's the deal. If you promise to keep quiet in our neighbourhood, we'll promise not to start cruising yours. If you don't like that deal, maybe we'll designate a Whyte Avenue-esque strip in YOUR neighbourhood. Then you'll see it our way.

## CSIS on campus: who cares?



Bryce Pugh

Here's a new one for all you boys and girls. You all know about the "suspicious" activities that go on around campus? Well, apparently now the government does too!

CSIS is now able to collect information on student groups.

For those of you going "HUH!? Who's CSIS and what the hell are you talking about!?" I'll give you a little background.

CSIS (The Canadian Security Information Service) is the the canucklehead version of the CIA. They don't have guns, they can't arrest you, and they wear REALLY ugly suits. Their one quality is that they can track electronic information and stuff—basically, they are computer nerds with a government paycheck.

So what's the big deal? Well, since they were established in 1982, CSIS wasn't allowed to spy on student groups—the thought being that it was unconstitutional.

I don't know exactly why they're doing it now, but I can already tell you the "Top Secret" stuff they'll discover:

- students go to class (sometimes);
- there's lots of beer around;
- GUBA is just a person in a costume;
- 99.9 per cent of the guys on campus are "self-sufficient";
- the other 0.1 per cent are lying;
- my pants are about 6 sizes too big; and,
- spying on students is a waste of time.

In my exceedingly humble opinion, I think the spooks at CSIS should go back to doing whatever it was they did before (can anyone fill me in on what that was?) If not, don't pay any attention to any of my e-mails titled "plot(s) for world domination!"

## THE BURLAP SACK

Today, I will Burlap Sack this campus' fast-food establishments. If you want the discount for the special at the A&W in SUB, for example, you must specifically ask for it. Want a double cheeseburger when they're supposed to be \$1.49? Try asking for a double cheeseburger. They'll charge you full price. You have to ask for a \$1.49 double cheeseburger if you want the cheap one, which is, in theory, at least, identical to the regular version.

DAN LAZIN

The Burlap Sack is a semi-regular feature where a person or group who needs to be put in a sack and beaten is ridiculed in print. No sack beatings are actually administered.

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## LETTERS CONTINUED

ad, bigot! This isn't small town Alberta any more, this is the big city; oh, who am I kidding: red-necks are a foul breed that live in all places.

Why does their attitude exist? What is this threat which they fear? Are they afraid that an army of gay skaters is going to take over the world? Oh my, you didn't get laid because of your inadequacies and therefore the gay population and skaters must be blamed. At least skaters have a more productive hobby than driving around in a car loaded with drunken men yelling at people. Hey, if anything

sounds homo-erotic, it is a car packed tightly with drunken sweaty men.

Everyone needs a scapegoat, I suppose. Too bad it isn't closed-minded rednecks. I thought that these people wouldn't be such bigots. They're just afraid that someone is going to run up behind them and anally penetrate them with a skateboard. I thought they would be used to that sort of thing. After all aren't hicks the number one alien abductees?

So what is left to say? That gay life is wrong? That expressing yourself through an environmen-

tally friendly mode of transportation and recreation is a sin? Well then screw you, you bastards. Your self-loathing and ignorance will lead to hatred on the part of all who meet you! No one person should tolerate such bigotry and ignorance! Good luck in getting laid, fellas. I hate to tell you, but that girls don't jump into random cars and have outrageous sex with drunken rednecks! I must say that that sort of attitude is so late-1980's. Such comments will not be taken lightly anymore. What is to fear? Your own desires? Maybe you're all gay skaters just waiting to come out! Kudos if you do, morons.

COLIN BYERS

EDUCATION IV

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## Hillary Clinton setting a bad example

Paul Bajcer

Someone once said that, "in the future, everyone will be famous for 15 minutes." He obviously didn't anticipate someone as determined as Hillary Rodham Clinton is to make those minutes stretch as far possible. She and the President have been very publicly shopping for New York digs just as she is poised to enter one of the biggest senate races in US history. Yet she has still to officially toss her hat in the ring. Being coy can go a long way toward keeping the media abuzz with speculation (read: free publicity), but playing the game is nothing new to the first lady. She has been doing it for years, biding her time until Bill's turn came and finally went. If the last couple of years aren't testament enough to her savvy, patience, and determination, nothing could be. It can't be easy to keep your mouth shut while the entire free world listens to your husband describe what might or might not constitute sexual relations with a young White House intern. But keep it shut she did, knowing that she was close, so very close, to her turn.

While Democrats and other liberal-types applauded her determination and begin rallying behind her as the best thing to hit the Big Apple since "Cats," others of us are curious as to what the somewhat younger Clinton woman thinks about the political powerhouse that is Hillary. What is young Chelsea, on the cusp of womanhood, learning regarding how to be a woman in the coming millennium?

As if her father's remarkably bad judgement and lack of self-discipline weren't enough of a lesson on

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how little character matters, her mother reinforces this truth with her own behaviour. Hillary began her role in this little "White House does Knots Landing" stint by first vehemently denying that her husband was involved in any indiscretion, blaming the whole of this scandal on a vast right-wing conspiracy. This made her appear either incredibly naïve, or as good at poker faces as the President. Either way, Chelsea has learned from her parents the three cardinal rules of being caught—deny, deny, deny. The truth is not as important as saving face and hanging on to your power, prestige, and the stuff of materialism. As a supplemental tactic, huff in mock frustration and anger at the continual onslaught of scrutiny one must endure as a public figure. This will garner support from the Hollywood elite who will rally round in defiant support; an endorsement from a big star is instant credibility; bonus points if he or she is a Democrat.

Then, when proof so irrefutable arises that denial becomes absurd, enlist the help of the pop-psych community and the modern day feminists. With the help of these two groups you can convince people that low self-esteem is at work—this is the perfect catchphrase to garner instant empathy. To lend an air of credibility, give it a name that ends with "disorder, syndrome, or disease." Not only will this make it sound real, but it also takes away responsibility. After all, "it's not my fault if I have a disease, I have no control." Then for the big finish, chalk the whole

thing up to a troubled childhood. This one works every time.

While it's true that these were her father's indiscretions, not her mother's, Chelsea is learning more by watching how her mother responds than by how her father behaves. The way to respond to public humiliation and continuous assaults on the marriage is to keep quiet and eat crow. It is a necessary thing to endure if you want your place in the sun. Remember the beginning of Fame? "Fame costs. And right here is where you start paying," although I doubt Debbie Allen would have conceived of those words being applied in such a context as this. Nonetheless, such are family values as we head into the new millennium. Maintaining character, honouring your family, and doing what is right pale in comparison to the pseudo-rewards afforded by fame and power. In all of this, Chelsea is learning first hand how to be a "modern woman" from a "modern thinker."

And this, friends, is the vast left-wing conspiracy—as long as I have what I want, what anyone else does is none of my business. I won't speak up for what's right. Someone might get mad or call me judgemental, and then I might not get what I want. And after all, I have a right to be happy, don't I? What we've forgotten, what we used to know, is that happiness is not a goal, it's a by-product. A by-product of living an honorable life. Granted, a senator's salary might by you more than honour will, but one must decide if what they're buying is worth the price.

## Food is life, even more than you think

Brennan Bagdan

Although people have various interests in their lives, the fact remains that seeking out and ingesting food is of importance to humans. Food is everyday—it has to be, or we would not survive very long. Throughout history humans have spent the majority of their lives worrying about food—plotting, working, and fighting to obtain it.

Psychologists theorize that men think about sex about once every ten minutes, however, food being the true obsession, I find myself, more often than not, thinking about eating wieners, not playing "hide the weenie." And, although I have just finished eating lunch, I am already contemplating tonight's dinner and tomorrow's breakfast. Food is a logical obsession for the purpose of survival to all life forms, but more importantly it has shaped humanity by becoming culturally significant. Different cultures and civilizations have different, often unique, food likes and dislikes, styles and methods of cooking, and customs and traditions surrounding the consumption of food.

Foods typical of one region or another have led to the inhabitants of that area being defined stereotypically by what, and how they eat. The United Kingdom's bland national dishes, like roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, seem appropriate to define a perceived British demeanour of bland conservatism. (However, an article in the September 19 *National Post*

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informed that take-out curry sales in England now outstrip fish-and-chip sales two to one.) America's innovation and once-wholesome purity have led to the phrase, "American as apple pie." The French have been derogatively nicknamed "frogs", a term that refers to a famous national dish, and New Zealanders are unfortunately dubbed "kiwis" for their unique, scrotum-like fruit. Germans are labelled "krauts" after their traditional pickled cabbage, but this nickname has also taken on metaphoric significance for the stereotype of an uptight and "sour" nature in the same way.

When people think of different cultures and geographical regions, often the first thing that pops into their heads is the cuisine of a civilization, rather than its people, landscape, accomplishments, or history. When I think of Holland, my first thought is of Gouda, not dykes; Italy: polenta, not the Pope; Quebec: poutine not Celine; Mexico: margheritas not Montezuma.

Many people even visit foreign destinations for the sole purpose of sampling a culture's cuisine and surrounding traditions. Sure, there are many so-called "ethnic" restaurants in every city and town, but to sample the original, unadulterated, and non-Westernized version of a given dish, one must

immerse themselves in the local culture. Mexican cuisine is worlds apart from Taco Bell's bastardized version.

To fully understand and appreciate a food, one must contemplate its origins and surrounding traditions. Sushi is just seaweed and rice until one understands the cultural significance behind its elaborate preparation and presentation. If you have ever seen the Japanese movie *Tampopo*, you realize how tradition can change a simple bowl of noodle soup into something with cultural and personal significance.

I'm not saying people should avoid "ethnic" restaurants and eat only "local" food, but we should realize that almost anything we eat here has been tainted in some way by Western ideals. The unavailability of specific fresh ingredients for foreign cuisines means that each bite can never live up to its true potential. When food should be a roar, we are often satisfied with a whimper.

Food is something we consume, but in reality it is food that consumes us. We should never take food for granted, it surrounds us, nourishes us, and defines us. We should always consider where food comes from and its cultural significance, and never be satisfied with tasteless and unhealthy foods. Because in more ways than one, we are what we eat.



## Varsity football: let's do a bowl

Patrick Sunderland

Having been brought up in a generation at the mercy of television and movies, we have been brutally deceived by them about the reality of University. For a solid week before the start of fall session, my cronies and I crammed for school by watching as many college movies as possible: PCU, Animal House, Rudy, and so forth. Much to our chagrin, post-secondary isn't quite how it's portrayed in film and television. Specifically, there are no remnants of the bra-burning civil rights movement of yesterday, no malicious dean trying to suppress collegiate enthusiasm, and most notably, not nearly enough attention paid to the epicentre of any true University: its football team.

Saturday's bout between the Manitoba Bisons and your Golden Bears was, for me, the knockout blow in the comparison between popular college stereotypes and the Canadian reality. This spectacular CIAU showcase was a far cry from any Iowa vs. Iowa State bowl game you'd find on CBS on New Year's Day.

Roughly four thousand loyal students, plus a few Eskimo season ticket holders, made 60,000-seat Commonwealth Stadium seem barren. Still, it was a hell of a football game with the Bisons winning a second-half thriller 59-38, but it was no Sugar Bowl, Peach Bowl, or

Rose Bowl, and I don't mean the underage drinking palace on Jasper Ave and 117st. The event was more of the Taber Corn Bowl as the Green and Gold slide early in the season to 0 and 3. Some fans were rowdy, most more sedate in the cool fall air, but it in no way resembled the circus surrounding football on American t.v.—which looks less like a sporting event and more like the Nuremberg rallies.

And where is the 40-piece band? You know, the trombonists from Wisconsin decked out in their candy-assed monkey outfits, amusing us with another rendition of Louie Louie? Their absence baffled me and, sadly, the only recompense for it was a five-piece foghorn collaboration that resembled a Bavarian oompa band.

I kept wondering when the Goodyear blimp was going to show up? And why weren't the college rowdies present, clad and even painted in the Green and Gold colours of our institution? Instead, we just had Ron Rimmer on the P.A. system trying to joust us with his one-line quirks. If you took a poll amongst students on campus, how many could tell you what the CIAU even stood for? Canadian ... something. I must say, however, that the day was redeemed by the presence of our colourful cheerleaders, displaying their talent (and a lot of skin) in the nippy autumn air.

We need to sell this spectacular

on-field product of Golden Bears football beyond the unacceptable, sub-par level that it is marketed as now. I guess they could sell dirt-cheap beer at the games—a sure fire way to get more people to any event—and in the process, fuel a more savage craziness at the game itself. Or, alternatively, we could get more cheerleaders; perhaps a legion of three or four hundred of them to inspire fans and players alike. Or perhaps it's better off that that Varsity football remain in its pure and simple form, untainted by the grip of massive corporate sponsorship. Because, at least when the Bears lose, nobody cares that much.

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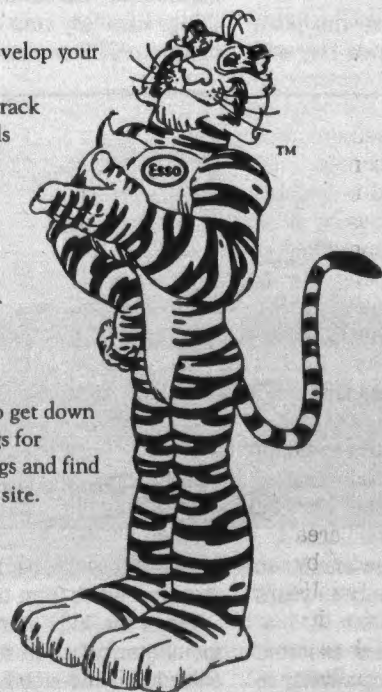
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A candidate must:

- 1) be a Canadian citizen or a person domiciled in Canada
- 2) have been born between October 2, 1975 and October 1, 1981
- 3) have received an undergraduate degree before taking up the scholarship

Applications are available in the Student Awards Office, 103 Administration Building, with a deadline date of 01 October 1999 (negotiable if providing references will take longer).

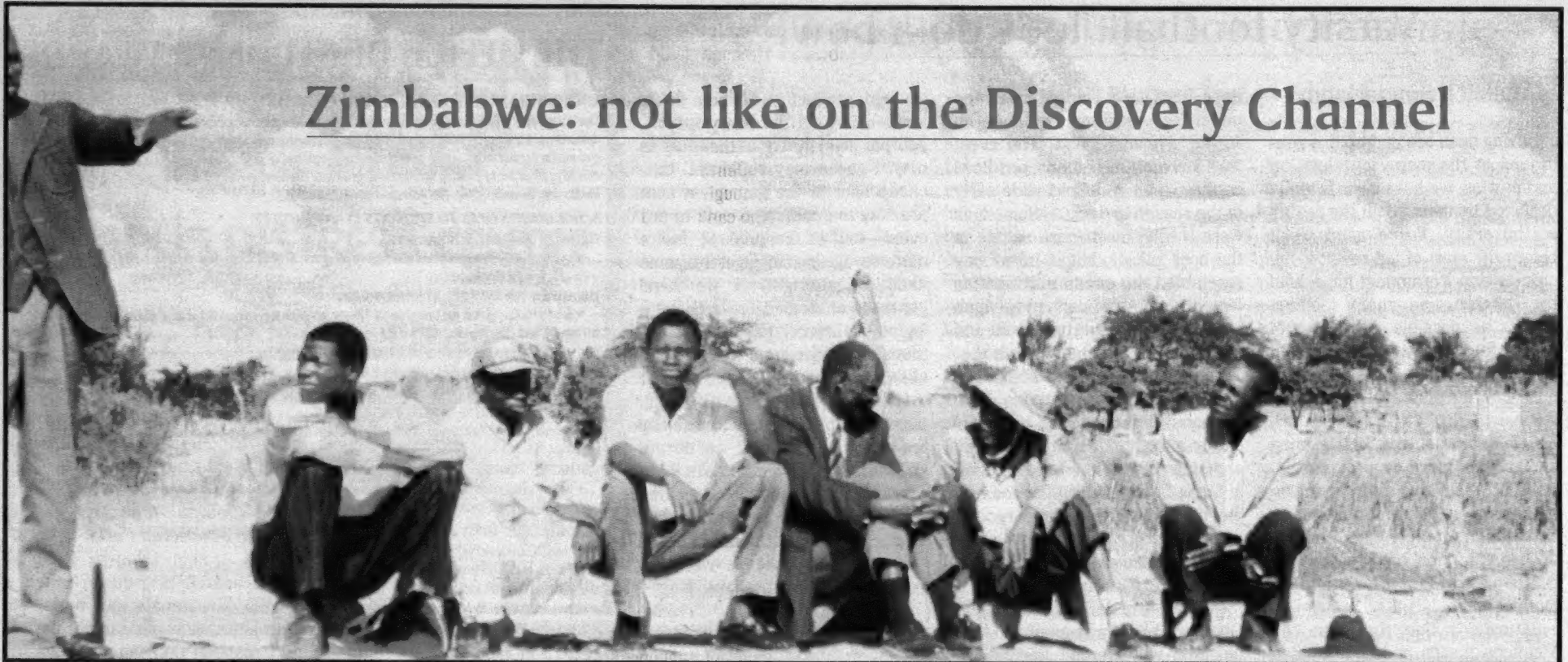
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## Zimbabwe: not like on the Discovery Channel



This summer, Andie Loughran and Rose Yewchuk from the U of A got the chance to travel to Zimbabwe with the World University Service of Canada International Seminar. This program provides students with their first exposure to a developing country and gives them the opportunity to gain insights into development issues through individual research.

Imagine, if you will, visiting grassroots development projects, being a part of a Zimbabwean family for two weeks, experiencing African culture and food, and of course, going on safari and seeing the famed Victoria Falls. These experiences, and more, made up Andie's and Rose's adventures in Zimbabwe.

Rose Yewchuk  
Andie Loughran

GATEWAY STAFF

### Rose's Journal, May 19, Edmonton

It's the day before our flight, and I am packing frantically. It's supposed to be winter in Zimbabwe, so I'm doing my best to strike a balance between tank tops and long johns.

Andie and I have been vaccinated to the nines over the past few months, getting shots for yellow fever, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, typhoid, hepatitis A and B, and meningococcal meningitis. Malaria is supposed to be a big danger for travelers to Africa, so we're taking Lariam as a preventive drug. I'm a little worried about the side effects, which can include strange dreams, nausea, and mood changes. For my part, every time I get into a car, I feel my stomach churning and my world spinning around me. I pray that there's no turbulence on those 11-hour plane rides.

### Andie's Journal, May 25, Harare

Stepping off the plane, we are greeted by a strong cool breeze reminiscent of the prairie winds of Canada, but with a different, almost indescribable, feel. We walk across the tarmac in the early morning African sun. We have finally arrived in Zimbabwe.

After 30 hours in transit, it's going to take a while to get over jet lag. When we arrive at the University of Zimbabwe, we're joined by the students who will take part in our program. How wonderful to have 20 new friends on the day of arrival!

### Rose's Journal, May 25, Harare

We're here! Yay! Our first sight of downtown Harare is somewhat dreary—it seems like a brown, dusty, deserted place. Our guide assures us that this is because it's Africa Day and everyone is at the football stadium for a celebration. We check into our rooms at the University of Zimbabwe and try to adjust to the weird reality of being on the opposite side of the world from Edmontan.

It's going to be harder than I thought not looking forward to going home and getting back into the old routine. The familiar, no matter how distasteful, is almost always preferable to the unknown, unpredictable, and frightening.

### Andie's Journal, May 26, Harare

Where are the lions and cheetahs? This is hardly the Africa I saw on the Discovery Channel. Harare looks like any Western Canadian city, except that all of the big, mirrored buildings are banks rather than oil companies. The infrastructure looks so similar to Canadian cities. Then I remember that Zimbabwe, which gained independence only 19 years ago, was developed by Rhodesians, the white minority.

Southern Rhodesia was a British colony until 1965, when Ian Smith's government asserted unilateral independence and imposed a form of minority white rule that was very similar to South Africa's apartheid. International trade sanctions were quickly imposed on Rhodesia.

I spoke to one man who described pre-independence life for blacks: "We didn't need travel passes to travel to Salisbury (now Harare). However, there were no places to stay in the

city for blacks, so it was difficult to go there."

The Liberation War began shortly after Rhodesian Independence and continued until 1979. In 1980, Rhodesia was renamed Zimbabwe and Robert Mugabe became the first black President after the country's first democratic elections.

### Rose's Journal, May 26, Harare

I've picked up a few basic phrases in Shona, which is the dominant language group in Zimbabwe. "Mangwanani" means good morning; "Masvita" means thank you, and "Chimbuzi chirukupi?" means where's the bathroom? People here are thrilled that I know Shona at all, and make a big fuss over me when I try to speak it. In some ways, that really bothers me—it doesn't speak well for white people in Africa that my few simple phrases make me a linguistic marvel.

The quest for a working pay phone in Harare is like the quest for the Holy Grail. We cut to the chase and learn to use the phone shops, which charge at least 80 Zimbabwe dollars a minute for a call to Canada. That seems exorbitant, even when converted to \$3.20 Canadian.

### Andie's Journal, May 28, Harare

Today our field trip was to a public hospital where people are sleeping in hallways because it's so overcrowded and underfunded. The two-tier health care system is a reality in Zimbabwe—those who can afford it have access to sanitary, quality private clinics, but the majority go to the public hospitals. We attended a nursing class given by an advertising representative from Johnson & Johnson, the makers of male and female condoms in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe has the highest HIV infection rate in the world, with between 25 and 40 per cent of the population estimated to be HIV positive. We learned that about 1200 people per week contract the HIV virus and that 1500 people die per week. These figures hit home when I hear things like: "My aunt died last week" or "I'm going to my cousin's funeral." People don't even mention AIDS as a cause of death, but it is assumed and almost irrelevant—after all, when a

loved one dies, the cause doesn't change the grief or sense of loss. Most people die from secondary causes of death like pneumonia and tuberculosis—illnesses that should be preventable in the 1990s.

The AIDS pandemic is affecting the social and economic well-being of the nation. Thousands of normally able-bodied, healthy adults are dying and leaving behind orphaned children.

### Rose's Journal, May 29, Harare

Today, we took a field trip to Dzivarasekwa, one of Harare's "high-density" suburbs. The euphemism doesn't do it justice. The homes were made of sheet metal, cardboard, wood scraps, garbage bags, and so on—it was

amazing that these structures could stand up at all. I was so uncomfortable, gawking at their meagre homes from the window of a tour bus.

When the kids started waving at us like celebrities as we rode away on the bus, I felt momentarily better. It was all so cheerful and appropriate, somehow. Then we passed some older kids who stood away from the crowd. They weren't smiling or returning our waves. I waved at one girl—maybe 12 or 13—with a baby on her back, but she didn't smile, and my own smile died. Then the bus's black exhaust cloud hit her, and she backed away, coughing. I can't describe the expression on her grim, unsmiling face. I only hope I remember it.





**Andie's Journal, June 3, Harare**

Our schedule has consisted of daily lectures on issues affecting Zimbabwe such as land reform, gender and development, AIDS, and health care. In the afternoons, we've been visiting various non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and development projects. One visit was to the Fambidzanai project, a centre which trains people in permaculture techniques such as organic farming and land use planning.

I am learning about the challenges involved with field research in a developing country. Everything takes about five times longer here than they do in Canada. To get anything done and to be credible when talking to prospective resources for my research, we have to go in person.

Buses don't leave on their route unless the bus is full. Imagine a full bus and then squish twice as many people in.

**Rose's Journal, May 28, Harare**

To get around Harare, we take the commuter omnibuses, which are privately-owned vans that are assigned to a certain transportation route. The owners pack in as

many people as possible into the rickety vans, which are dubbed "flying coffins" by the Zimbabwean students. Still, they run more frequently than buses in Edmonton, and they get us where we need to go.

ed coup plot. Mugabe's priorities have changed since 1980. In the early years after independence, education and health care were high on Mugabe's agenda, and access to education for rural blacks was significant-

**Andie's Journal, June 6, Masvingo**

I'm staying with such a wonderful family. My host father, Alois, and I have been staying up every night, philosophizing about life and politics. Who would have imagined that I could have the same open discussions with someone from a different culture, halfway around the planet?

My family lives in a middle-class, low-density suburb formerly known under Rhodesian rule as Fort Victoria. It has roundabouts and wide, meandering paved roads. Home properties are two to three times larger than an average Canadian home.

It's surprising that no one I've met here supports the Mugabe government. Then I remember that two journalists were tortured only last January for reporting on a suspect-

beautiful singing, dancing, and clapping. Although I didn't understand it all, it was easy to get into the "spirit" of things.

My host father is the headmaster of a local primary school, so I went with him today to visit the classrooms and be introduced to the students. All the kids wear uniforms, although exceptions can be made for those who can't afford them. Although most people speak Shona or Ndebele at home, the language of instruction is English.

My host family lives down the road from the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant. Coca-Cola absolutely rules Zimbabwe—there are advertisements everywhere, and pop is the primary drink because it's so cheap. (\$5 a bottle including the \$2 deposit, whereas fruit juice cost at least \$28 for half as much.)

**Andie's Journal, June 9, Masvingo**

I'm learning quickly that women's craft groups are few and far between. Before I left Canada, I had utopian visions of visiting a group every day and maybe even learning a few weaving techniques myself. Once I arrived in Zimbabwe, the reality found me feeling frustrated and a little sheepish at my ignorant misconceptions. Craft groups rarely meet on their own accord, especially during these tough economic times. Usually an NGO or a Mission serves to bring groups together for income-generating projects that improve group members' financial situations. The money helps to provide clothing and food for the family and pays for their children's school fees.

**Rose's Journal, June 10, Gweru**

We take a group tour of the Bata Shoe Factory, which is the largest employer in Gweru. The complex contains a leather tannery, a rubber factory, and a number of shoe assembly lines. Not surprisingly, we were all forbidden from bringing in our cameras.

After about half an hour there, I had a severe headache from the incredible noise and the toxic fumes. But I noticed that only a handful of employees are wearing air filters, safety goggles, or earplugs. When I asked the Bata PR guy why more people didn't use them, he explained that most of the workers were stubborn and didn't want to wear them. That rang a little hollow to me, but I didn't press the point.

The work looked incredibly monotonous: one building housed row upon row of sewing machines where the workers stitched countless identical shoe parts all day long. It's sad that this is probably one of the world's better shoe factories as far as safety standards are concerned. The wages are between \$20–40 Canadian a week, which was considered a pretty good job.

Inflation is a huge problem in Zimbabwe, as is unemployment. Most of the students we talked to don't believe they have much of a chance of finding work—and they're among Zimbabwe's best and brightest. The future for the average person on the street is much bleaker.

**Andie's Journal, June 14, Masvingo**

Today I went to my grandfather's house, Babaalois' (father of Alois), for a drumming lesson. He spent his entire day with us rhythmically-challenged Canadians and generously fed us sadza (cornmeal porridge) and stew with peanut butter rice. People have been so kind here. Every time I think the worst could happen, I'm continuously proven wrong by people's honesty and friendliness.

**Rose's Journal, June 15, Masvingo**

We pay a visit to the Great Zimbabwe ruins near Masvingo. They're the oldest ruins in Southern Africa. Although they were built without mortar, the thousands of stone bricks are still amazingly stable. In some areas, massive stone boulders are incorporated right into the human-made structures.

Driving back at night, we stop the car for some incredible, almost unreal stargazing. There are no other lights—just us, the stars, and the empty road.

**Andie's Journal, June 18, Masvingo**

My fantasy in Zimbabwe was fulfilled today. I spent the day with a women's basket-weaving group, the focus of my research,

at their roadside meeting place. We talked through my friend/translator, Jessica. I wish I could communicate directly with them. Language barriers limit so much potential understanding. I observed their laborious skills, while realizing that this was only a "spare time" income generating activity for these women farmers.

**Rose's Journal, June 19, Gweru**

My homestay sister Ema and I visited the teacher's college she attends, where one of her friends is preparing to compete in the Miss College pageant. Beauty pageants are much more common (and socially acceptable) than in Canada. I can't even imagine a Miss U of A contest taking place—more women would show up to protest than to participate. But here in Zimbabwe, a lot of young women compete and enjoy themselves.

**Andie's Journal, June 21, Hwange National Park**

We drove all around Hwange National Game Park in search of wildlife. After 2 hours of seeing only impala and birds, we soon came to appreciate the natural flow of animal life. I realized that maybe it wasn't necessary to be here as voyeurs of the animal kingdom (heck, we can do that at home on TV). Animals or none, the golden grass of Zimbabwean winter contrasted with the clear azure sky where acacia trees met in between, a majestic sight. When we finally did see some "big game," being 2 metres away from a bull elephant was certainly enough to get the adrenaline pumping, even though I was inside a Land Cruiser.

**Rose's Journal, June 23, Victoria Falls**

Driving through the game park without a guide, we made up our own taxonomy: the TLB (toucan-like bird), the GLT (giraffe-like tree), the ELR (elephant-like rock) and the ELP (elephant-like poop), among others. We took an entire day to drive through Hwange, and it was more than worth it. We saw scores of zebras, wildebeests, elephants, antelope, giraffes, and even a lone hyena. When we stopped at a watering hole, we saw hippos frolicking! One even had a turtle riding on its back.

Victoria Falls is an unbelievably beautiful place. We all got thoroughly soaked by the spray from the world's largest waterfall. The traditional name for Victoria Falls is "Mosi Oa Tunya," which means The Smoke that Thunders. Somehow, it seems much more appropriate than Victoria Falls.

Like so many other tourists, I decided to go bungee jumping from the bridge over the Zambezi river gorge. As I stood there in the warm sunlight about to plunge 111 metres towards the raging rapids below, I felt an incredible sense of calm and peace. The jump cost \$90 US, but it was worth every penny.

**Andie's Journal, June 29, Harare**

The end of the Seminar has arrived. I've seen so many contradictions in so-called "development" and in life here in Zimbabwe. The truth is that the white minority still own most of the productive land, historically have had control over resources and are in this country.

It felt so strange and wonderful to be accepted into a Shona family, even if it was for only two weeks. But then we were thrown into the role of tourist at the game park and at Victoria Falls. So many people's livelihoods depend on us as tourists to support them. With an unemployment rate of 60 percent, most Zimbabweans work in the informal sector of the economy, selling crafts, household items, furniture, and so on.

When I first arrived in Zimbabwe, I was so impressed with the number of indigenous NGOs and how much grassroots action was being taken to educate and empower people. I wonder, why is this country considered "underdeveloped" or why is this the "Third World?" People go about their daily lives in Zimbabwe as they do in Canada: raising children, attending school, working, and playing. There are different ways of being and living on this planet. Maybe Zimbabweans should come to Canada to teach us a thing or two about human relationships.



There are condom ads posted everywhere. The urgency of the HIV epidemic has overcome the taboos against talking about sex in the interests of keeping everyone alive. A portrait of Robert Mugabe, President of

ly increased. Over the years, corruption in the government, along with the implementation of the World Bank's Structural Adjustment Programs, have contributed to the inflation of the Zimbabwe dollar.



Zimbabwe, hangs in every public building—it's mandated by law.

We've had a few days off to work on our research products. I've made some interesting contacts with the Zimbabwe National



Traditional Healers' Association.

**Rose's Journal, June 7, Gweru**

The Ndhlebes, my host family, have six children, most of whom are away at school. Yesterday, I went to the Roman Catholic Church in Gweru with my host father. The lively service was held outdoors, with lots of



## Bears football remains winless

*Fourth quarter comeback too little too late to defeat Manitoba*



The Bears got sacked during last weekend's match-up with Manitoba.

Adam Rankin / THE GATEWAY

### Laura Matheson

SPORTS WRITER

The Golden Bears' game against the Bisons this weekend is a prime example of why a book should never be judged by its cover. The Green and Gold classic started quite sedately but by the end of the game it proved to be a shoot-out. The game concluded with 97 points between both teams. Sadly for the Bears, Manitoba came out ahead, taking 59 of those points, and disappointing over five thousand fans present at the game.

In the first quarter Manitoba scored a single touchdown, and kicked for a conversion, while the U of A's Mark Wojcichowsky made a 19-yard field goal. The field goal ended a drive spearheaded by a 25-yard run by quarterback Jeff Shellenburg, an action that was almost invalidated by an interception on the next play. The pass was ruled incomplete and the home team managed to salvage a little pride. The quarter ended with a score of 7-3 in favor of Manitoba.

The real fun at Commonwealth Stadium began in the second quarter when the game kicked into higher gear. The Bisons initiated the scoring only 30 seconds in with a field goal, which they quickly followed up with another and a pair of touchdowns. Just to rub salt into the Bears' quickly worsening wounds, the touchdowns were scored on consecutive possessions.

After watching the Bisons score 21 unanswered points, quarterback Blair Zahara entered the game with remarkable results. Moments after making his entrance, Zahara pitched the ball to Jamie Stoddard, who then made a stunning touchdown with 33 seconds left in the half. After

Stoddard's 65-yard catch-and-run, Wojcichowsky did his duty and kicked for the convert. The first half finished with the Bisons leading by a substantial score of 28-10. But at least the Bears were on the board.

After half time, the scoring slowed as the Bears were held to one touchdown and the Bisons to two, in the third quarter. The U of A's sole touchdown in the quarter was again made by Stoddard from a 51-yard pass by Zahara. The last play of the third quarter was an astounding one by the Manitoba squad. The Bisons scored a touchdown off of a 69-yard punt return executed by Plante.

The fourth quarter could have been a game unto itself considering the number of points racked up.

And if the fourth quarter had been it's own game, the Bears would have taken home honors. With three touchdowns, the U of A led the scoring in the last quarter by four points.

The belt notching started when Mark Carlson recovered the ball in the endzone for a touchdown following a blocked Manitoba punt. After the Bears put their seven points on the scoreboard, the Bisons volleyed back with seven points of their own. This led to Zahara making a short pass to Jason Bula for another Green and Gold touchdown. The Bisons answered quickly, forcing the Bears to rise to the challenge and tie the scoring for the last quarter. Once again Bula was the recipient of a short pass from quarterback

Zahara while the dependable Wojcichowsky kicked for the extra point.

The Bisons fell short of matching the Bears point for point and finished the flurry of points with a field goal just before the game ended. The point inequality in the last quarter was the surprise ending to an unfortunate Bear tale.

Quarterback Blair Zahara's arm was in fine form on Saturday and the U of A concluded the game with a total of 423 yards passing (392 credited to Zahara), nearly double the passing yards that the University of Manitoba walked away with. If Zahara keeps firing off passes "like lightning bolts" (as one fan noticed), he will have lived up to his nickname "Zeus."

Jamie Stoddard, who was instru-

mental in the U of A's early scoring, also had an amazing game, receiving eight passes and gaining a total of 220 yards.

While the Bears' defense didn't play a particularly large role at Commonwealth Stadium, defensive back Mike Eberts certainly deserves mention for his strong play. Eberts was also named as an unsung hero two weeks ago.

The next chapter in the Bears' saga will take place on their home turf next weekend when the Regina Rams stampede into town. The game will be covered on CJSR (88.5 FM) with pre-game comments at 1:00 and live commentary throughout. The game starts at 1:30. This time, the Bears hope the beginning of the story will be just as good as the ending.



Some concern starts to show as coach Wilkinson talks it out with an official.

Tim Bulger / THE GATEWAY





The Pandas try to advance the ball up the field in a losing cause on Saturday.

Alan Wharmby / THE GATEWAY

## Pandas split conference opener

A win and a loss mark first encounter

Barrie Tanner  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pandas soccer team opened their 1999/2000 Canada West conference schedule by splitting the weekend match with a loss and a win.

Saturday's game was supposed to be an easy match for the home team, Victoria had only five players returning from league play last year, as opposed to the Pandas' more experienced group. But, as always in a competitive league, you can never go into a game expecting anything.

"We were beat by a team of young, athletic players," said head coach Tracy David.

The Pandas' lack of preparation was evident on the field as they proved unable to finish around the net, something coach David recognizes.

"We should've had three goals in the first three minutes," claimed David. "It was an ugly performance from our perspective."

**We should've had three goals in the first three minutes [on Saturday] ... it was an ugly performance from our perspective**

— Tracy David, head coach, Pandas soccer

The net result: a 1-0 loss to a younger, less experienced and, according to David, less deserving team.

But the loss only made Sunday's win against UBC sweeter as the Pandas proved the previous day's loss was just a lull. The Pandas won 3-1.

"We were more aggressive, more

willing to battle and we stuck to our tackles," explained David. "It was a better overall team performance."

One aspect of the game the Pandas hope to improve in the future is team defense.

"Traditionally, teams at the U of A have been good defensively," said David. "We have to work harder as a team on our defensive system."

With those improvements, the Pandas should give Victoria a better indication of Alberta hospitality next time they roll into town.

"If we work on our defense in the backfield a little more, you'll see a team that's a lot tougher to beat for the next couple of years," said David.

With the short season ahead of the Pandas, David hopes to accelerate the learning process so that this season can prove as successful as Sunday's match against UBC.



A successful block robs a Panda of a chance to tie the game.

Dean Simmons / THE GATEWAY

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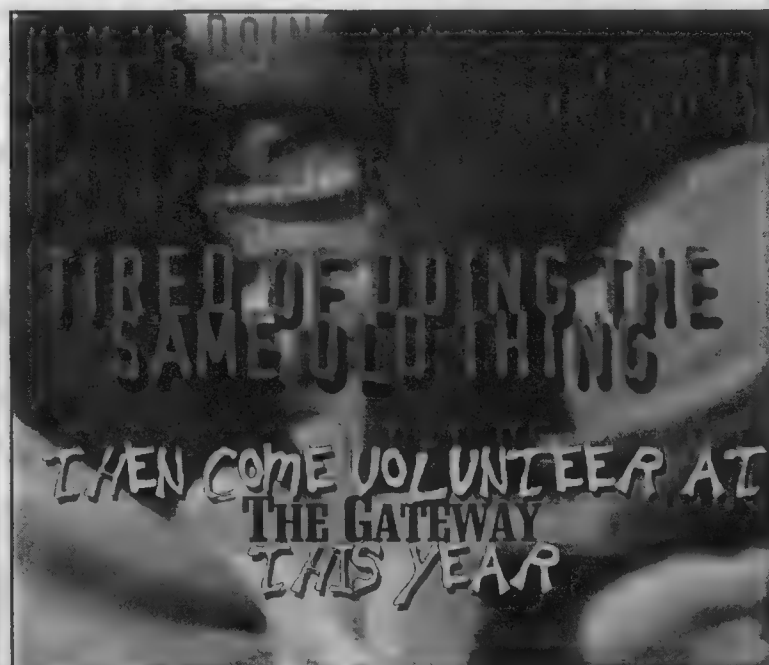
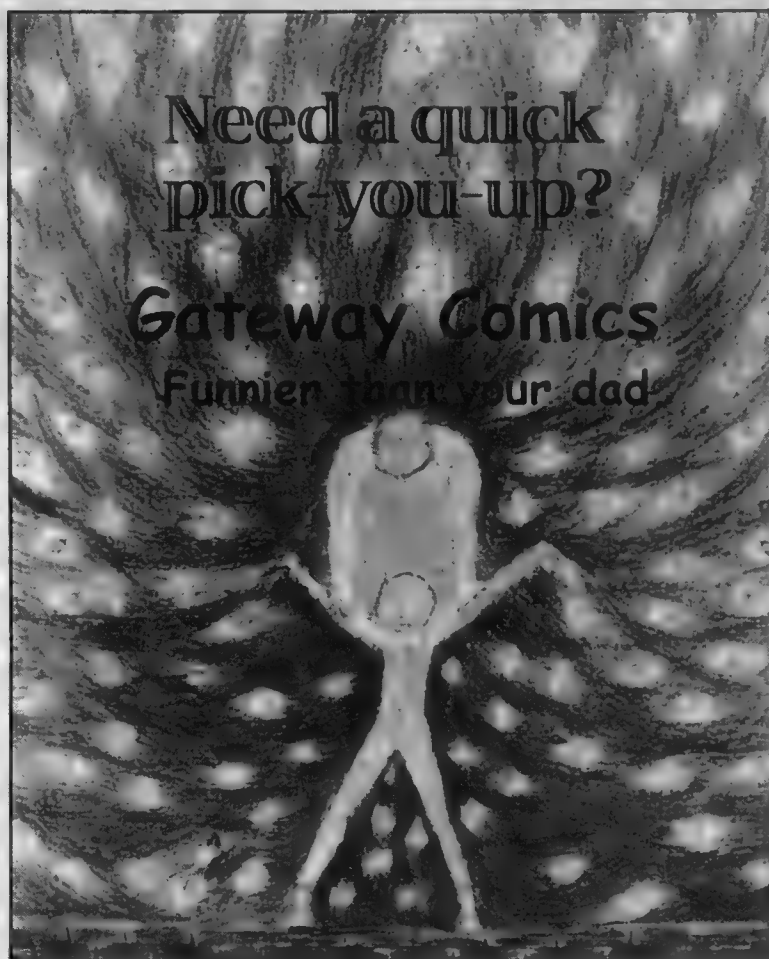
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## Bears soccer squad leaves weekend undefeated

Barrie Tanner

Reporter

The Golden Bears took to the field against their West Coast opponents in soccer action last week and managed to leave the weekend without a loss.

Saturday's game saw the Bears split the game with Victoria, each team taking a goal apiece for a 1-1 tie.

"We played an even game," said coach Len Vickery. "We did well defensively, but we let down a little offensively."

The Bears were able to shut out the UBC Thunderbirds on Sunday with a 1-0 win. Alberta has been outscored 11-16 by UBC since 1990 and post a record of 3-5-2 in home conference games, but they took last weekend as an opportunity to show they are able to play with the best in the West.

UBC and Victoria have historically been strong opponents, due to both the interest in the sport and the climate, which allows the

teams to practice for a significantly larger portion of the year. While the West coast teams are preparing for the season, the rest of the country is limited to whatever indoor space is available.

"It's a tough way to kick off the season [to play against the competitive UBC and Victoria clubs]," said Vickery. "But we knew what the schedule would be in advance."

By starting the season competing against some of the most skilled teams in the country, the Bears are able to see what skills they have, and more importantly which are lacking, for the team to be successful at the national level.

While the Bears are in good shape physically (they work out year-round to ensure it), there is much more to a team's success than simply being in shape. A team has to be able to play as a unit.

"It takes time for cohesion to develop between the team members," explained Vickery. "With more preparation and game experience, we'll be a better team."



A Bear tries to sneak past his defender.

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## Beyond shine

Edmonton Symphony Orchestra kicks off new season with fireworks

**Fireworks**  
Winspear Center  
Edmonton Symphony Orchestra  
Lilya Ziberstein, piano  
Grzegorz Nowak, conductor  
September 17 and 18

Emma Hooper and Sarah Chan  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Fireworks! Streamers! Giant Sparklers! No, it wasn't a birthday party, just the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra's debut for the 1999-2000 season Friday night at the Winspear. This season promises to be new and exciting for several reasons, and the Edmonton Symphony kicked it off in style with Fireworks.

Friday night's agenda included three brands of central European flavor, these being Shostakovich, Rachmaninoff and Bartok. The Shostakovich Festive Overture functioned as the appetizer, with perpetual melodies bouncing from section to section until reaching a blaring end. This was a perfect introduction for the main course that was to follow.

After the movie *Shine* glorified Rachmaninoff's third piano concerto, one would think that the execution of such a piece would leave the soloist at the brink of insanity. However, Russian-born soloist



The ESO kicked off their new season with Fireworks!

Alan Wharmby / THE GATEWAY

Lilya Ziberstein made her way through this technical monster with the same humble, unassuming nature that would be expected of knitting or washing dishes. The opening movement unfolds with what is arguably Rachmaninoff's most recognizable melody. As this tune floated back and forth from Nowak's confident orchestra to Ziberstein, the smooth ribbons of Rachmaninoff definitely did a good job of satiating the audi-

ence's romantic appetite.

The controlled realm of this work (typically thought of as riveting) was broken, however, after a romantic second movement. With the explosion into and through the duration of the third movement, Ziberstein's dynamics and intensity with her piano burst into a new phase. She was bouncing off the piano bench and Nowak was dancing on his podium. She pounded flawlessly on the keys and

the soloist and orchestra raged against each other until the insane and furious tumult at the end, a rumbling conclusion reminiscent of calvary.

After the passion of Rachmaninoff flooded the Winspear, the dark, satiric humour of Bartok took the audience into the second half of the evening with the Concerto for orchestra, complete with five movements. If the melodramatics of the piano concerto had the audience burning with the fever, it didn't take long for the opening of the Bartok to plunge them into a somber, pensive state. Shifting from ponderously eerie 'graveyard' music to the swirling of strings, the first movement was a remarkably unique item on our musical menu for the evening.

The following movements ranged from comic and jesting to meditative to dramatically violent. The Symphony managed to portray twentieth century colour, seen through agitated, yet playful moments. The addition of the occasional harp and abstract technique only added to this mood. As is often the case with Bartok, shades of traditional Hungarian folk melodies were apparent throughout the work, adding to its bohemian flavour.

The evening's display was an excellent debut night, preparing all in attendance for the Symphony season to come. Symphony goers can be confident in expecting a delectable dessert cart of programs to follow this year.

## Slow Fresh Oil kicks it at Rebar

**Slow Fresh Oil with Mollys Reach**  
Rebar  
September 18

Terra Bell  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

A long, long time ago (1996) in a galaxy far, far away (Club Paradise in New Westminster, B.C.) I saw Mollys Reach play for the first time, alongside 1000 Mona Lisas and Smoother on the 3 for 5 tour. The show kicked, regardless of the lame turnout. It was Armand's (lead singer of 1000 M.L.) birthday, so we invited the boys to the blue lizard lounge (pet name for our pad). Sitting around our living room drinking many birthday brews was the last memory I had of the band. Needless to say I was interested in seeing them and hearing the progression in

their music.

Although a good deal of time has passed and my musical style changed considerably, I love music, and good music of any genre is still good music. This was what I got Saturday from Mollys Reach. One attains this by having synchronicity within the group. The songs were high quality, with smooth tempo changes, clean breaks, good rhythm and hard drums. (Steve, the drummer, did a number on one of his thumbs from rockin' out), plus they looked like rock stars, changing guitars and bass every song. The only down side to the show was the sound: it was a bit muffled. The room needed more people, to act as a buffer for the vibration. Plus the speakers needed a bit of repositioning for optimum sound dynamics in the room. This could be due largely to the fact that the stage is right in the corner of the bar.

I took quite a few trips to the bathroom, but not out of a weak bladder. I had brought

my MD recorder and microphone, so I loitered in the bathroom to get fresh responses.

"My friend turned me on to them, and they are playing really well tonight."

Another fan said, "The band? They were really good, they've got a new kind of sound. For a live performance in a bar they were pretty damn good. Some bands can't live up to a live act, but these guys were good. I was impressed."

"I can respect any band that does a Kiss cover." (The last song they did was a rendition of 'She'.)

Then I got up the balls to check out the boy's room...

"Mollys brings out the girls, for some reason. That bunch of dorks brings out the girls."

"Lyle's mesh farmer hat really turns me on!"

Slow Fresh Oil started with an introduction from a Japanese friend of the band. I found out later that he does the intro and conclusion on the CD. They went straight into 'pop-core' or 'popthrax' or 'mettalipop,' with Lyle wielding distortion with his guitar, like Luke Skywalker might a lightsabre. The chemistry on stage was out of control! Brent and Lyle ran at each other and did a flying kung-fu bass to guitar battle kiss, (string to string, in case you were wondering) which ended in a head lock and Lyle's toque spiraling to the ground. The dance floor had interpretive dancers, reminding me of the Fatboy Slim music video 'praise you.'

I headed off to the green room for some post-show comments from Steve. "We had a blast at the show, it was really fun. We were playing with friends so there was no need to compete. We just went out and had fun." Lyle crashes in shortly afterward, sending a cymbal to the floor.

All in all, a great night out to the bar, and I fun chance to get to meet both fans and the band members. Definitely worth checking out for the second time.



Mollys Reach funks it up old-style at Rebar Saturday Night.

Cl. Couldwell / THE GATEWAY

## For Love of the Game offers intimate look at baseball

**For Love of the Game**  
Starring Kevin Costner and Kelly Preston  
Directed by Sam Raimi  
Universal Pictures

Ceilidh Tee  
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Kevin Costner gives a heartwarming performance in his new film, which follows the same theme as *Field of Dreams* and *Bull Durham*. He plays the role of Billy Chapel, pitcher and heart and soul of the Detroit Tigers, at the peak of his career, faced with life altering decisions.

At the beginning, he is told by his team owner that his team has been sold and he is being traded. At the same time his girlfriend Jane, played by Kelly Preston, tells him that she is leaving to move to London. This puts him in a position where he must decide between his two greatest loves in life. The movie takes place during an important game in Yankee Stadium, with Chapel standing in the loneliest place in the world, on the pitcher's mound, and reminiscing how his life has come to this point.

I liked the movie because it has something for everyone. For the romantics, the film has a love story. And for the more realistic minded, it has a realistic portrayal of on-the-field ball playing, and a down to earth look at real life decisions. Costner is a talented actor who left me, and the majority of the audience teary eyed. A great date movie for young and old.



## Nexus Gathering promises rave reviews

**Nexus Gathering**  
Mayfield Trade Center  
25 September

Warren Serink  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

The E-Town party vibe is resounding in anticipation of this weekend's 5th Annual Nexus Gathering. Considered the pinnacle event of Edmonton's underground scene, the Nexus Tribe has promised to surpass last year's precedent in what will be the largest rave to ever take place in Canada between Toronto and Vancouver.

Acting as this year's venue is the Mayfield Trade Center. Nexus used the Trade Center for their Carnival party as well, and ravers can expect the same large, clean, and air-conditioned space. Nexus is using the venue again to accommodate the 7000 party-kids expected to turn up for the event. With over 25 confirmed DJs packed into four rooms, this year's Nexus Gathering guarantees a party of gigantic proportions. Musical styles will range from progressive dance to that of the urban underground and will be complimented by intense visual displays by Black

+ Blue Visuals for the party's 12-hour length.

Nexus' impressive lineup consists of some of electronica's best known DJs and live acts. Fans of the electronic melodies of progressive trance will be treated to a showcase headlined by Christopher Lawrence and Taylor, each hailing from Los Angeles. Both DJs have become synonymous with the distinctive sound of the West Coast underground and will undoubtedly deliver some of the evening's highlights with their rhythmic merging of primal bass beats and deep trance melodies.

For ravers who prefer the jungle vibe, Nexus has booked DJ Craze vs. Infamous, as well as Freaky Flow and MC Flipside, to headline the Drum n' Bass and Hip-Hop room. Having been named the 1998 World DMC and ITF Champion, DJ Craze will battle ITF Western Hemisphere Champion Infamous with four turntables in what is sure to be an amazing display. Fresh from Toronto's scene, scratchmaster Freaky Flow and MC Flipside are guaranteed to impress the growing number of jungle followers in Edmonton's scene with a set straight from the core of the urban underground.

To keep the party pumping until dawn, Nexus Tribe has ensured that a variety of musical styles will compliment the main

rooms. Two additional rooms will each boast resident signatories supported by some local favorites. In the techno room, Mistress Barbara from Montreal will dominate with samples of her hardcore acid breaks scratched on three turntables. For the party-kids who like the primal beats of progressive house, Sonar resident T-Bone from Vancouver is guaranteed to deliver a non-stop mix of bass kicks and melodic overtones.

This year's Nexus Gathering is definitely not one to miss. Drawing together talent and fans from across North America's underground, this rave will definitely go off with a vibe yet to be surpassed. As an extra incentive for people to show up for the eight o'clock start, Nexus is also offering up door prizes.

The main night isn't the only event though, and there is a full four days of partying planned for all the die-hard ravers out there. There is a warm-up party at Lush on Thursday, a pre-party at New City Suburbs on Friday, and a post-party at Therapy immediately after the main event.

So be sure to bring your water bottles, glow sticks, funky out duds, your individual spirit, and loads of energy to foster a vibe with unstoppable momentum to ensure E-Town's signature rave is done right!

**Watt, Holmes & Schroer**  
*Caught By The Tale*  
Holmespun Music

Peter Vetsch  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

There are two weird things about this CD. The first is that it's a half-poetry, half-shanty hybrid of maritime folklore. The second is

that I like it. Imagine if Great Big Sea got really old, gained heavy Scottish accents and performed original spoken word ballads amongst their songs, and you would almost have it. Fiddles abound in this collection of fisherman's tales, bizarre fixed-verse poems, and recreations of famous lore like The Cremation of Sam McGee. I guarantee you'll burst out laughing the first time you hear this CD (provided that you ever actually do, which seems unlikely); but I also guarantee that, even if you outwardly deny it, you'll get into it too.



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## Captain Tractor kings of the road

**Captain Tractor**  
Sidetrack Café  
23-24 September

Theo Buchinskias  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Local group Captain Tractor is back in Edmonton and prepped for two shows this week at the Sidetrack. I had the opportunity to speak with Brock Skywalker, (vocals, guitar, accordion, flute, whistles, harmonica) straight from the road and to a local coffee shop for some much needed caffeine. Skywalker and crew had just arrived back in town, making the long haul all the way from Portland via Vancouver. Brock spoke of their new CD, playing live, and of course, life on the road.

"We're so stubborn and so crazy in our touring." Stated Skywalker, in reference to their recent tour of the west coast. The band has criss-crossed Canada thirteen times, toured the west and east coast of the US, New Zealand, and several European countries. Choosing the name *Celebrity Traffic Jam* for their new album only seemed appropriate as he re-counted the numerous road stories the band has compiled since their inception in 1994. "I used to think a lot about bands like Jr Gone Wild." Brock said, "I thought, they know what its like, (life on the road) and now I'm one of those veterans. They had done it so much and for so long, its funny to think of myself in that way."

Captain Tractor has gone through 4 vehicles, including the Tundra Bus, on which one band member had to sleep on a milk crate, and another on an unanchored seat. There was a seat belt attached to the floor, but in the instance of a crash, you would have the full weight of you and the seat being held back by the belt. Not exactly the glamorous

life of a rock star.

Why the hectic touring schedule? And why put up with situations like driving in minus thirty-five weather from Lethbridge to Grande Prairie? "The only reason anyone makes anything is to get it out to a lot of people." Replied Skywalker, beginning to kick back in his chair. The same response applies to why the band is taking things down south. Skywalker brought up the inevitable statement about 'selling out,' but insists that they will always remain loyal to their Canadian fan base. "Canada is a great market, and is very home for us. Our music is very Canadiana. We're trying to get people to express interest in Canadian culture and Canadian bands."

One would think that having such locale oriented music such as "The last Saskatchewan Pirate," would be a bit of a drawback to international marketing. "Actually, it's a huge selling point pretty much everywhere but Canada." He explained, "In some places, Edmonton is an exotic place to be from, but not if you're from Toronto."

What is next for Captain Tractor? Well, the Sidetrack show for one thing, to be followed by yet another tour, this time of the East Coast of Canada. "We're doing a hardcore East coast tour of Canada again, which is extremely foolhardy: driving across Canada in November." This time, however, the band has a trusty new van, which despite smaller size, is a lot more reliable. Other future plans may also include a very exclusive venue: the moon. "We had a guy approach us that wanted us to play on the moon for President Clinton."

So how would you define the Captain Tractor experience? Brock summed it up, "Foot-stomping, jumping up and down, chewing the drywall, radical mood swings, leaving you howling like a pack of wolves."

Well said.



Captain Tractor chews up the drywall this Thursday and Friday

## Howlin' Dan gets live

**Howlin' Dan and the Coaltrain**  
CD Release Party  
City Media Club  
17 September

Marino Coco

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

In between saucy piano music, the Constantine house, cosmic five-pin bowling to U2 and *The Offspring*, there is Howlin' Dan. It was a secluded place this foursome played and yet they were able to shock and please the sparse audience at the Alberta Beatnik, who made the night seem violated. And then, Howlin' Dan showed. It's surprising to see this group perform live because from listening to their CD, you'd think not much from them.

Actually, one could assume very little is going for them. Is Howlin' Dan a good band?

Yes. Are they perfect? No. They sung a great blues-like version of *The Offspring's*

"Gotta Keep'em Separated" and a few of their own songs were tasty. They have there moments where they were really tight and it sounded saucy, but at times this band needs a better balance. There was too much drum and treble that made the singers sound muffled. After listening to them, you can see how this band got the opportunity to release a CD and it's a good thing that they did. My other criticisms about the night would be:

A. Find a better venue to play (Although being a folky band, playing at the bottom of CKER does make sense) and

B. make better jokes. The joke about the wife who comes home with four million bucks and then kicks her husband out was pretty lame.

But with criticisms come compliments. The drummer had really funky hombre clothes on, and the band was really good to the audience. They made everyone feel comfortable and at times it was howlin'. Truthfully, Howlin' Dan and the Coaltrain has a lot of promise and if they can find the right element, Howlin' Dan would just kick major bootie.



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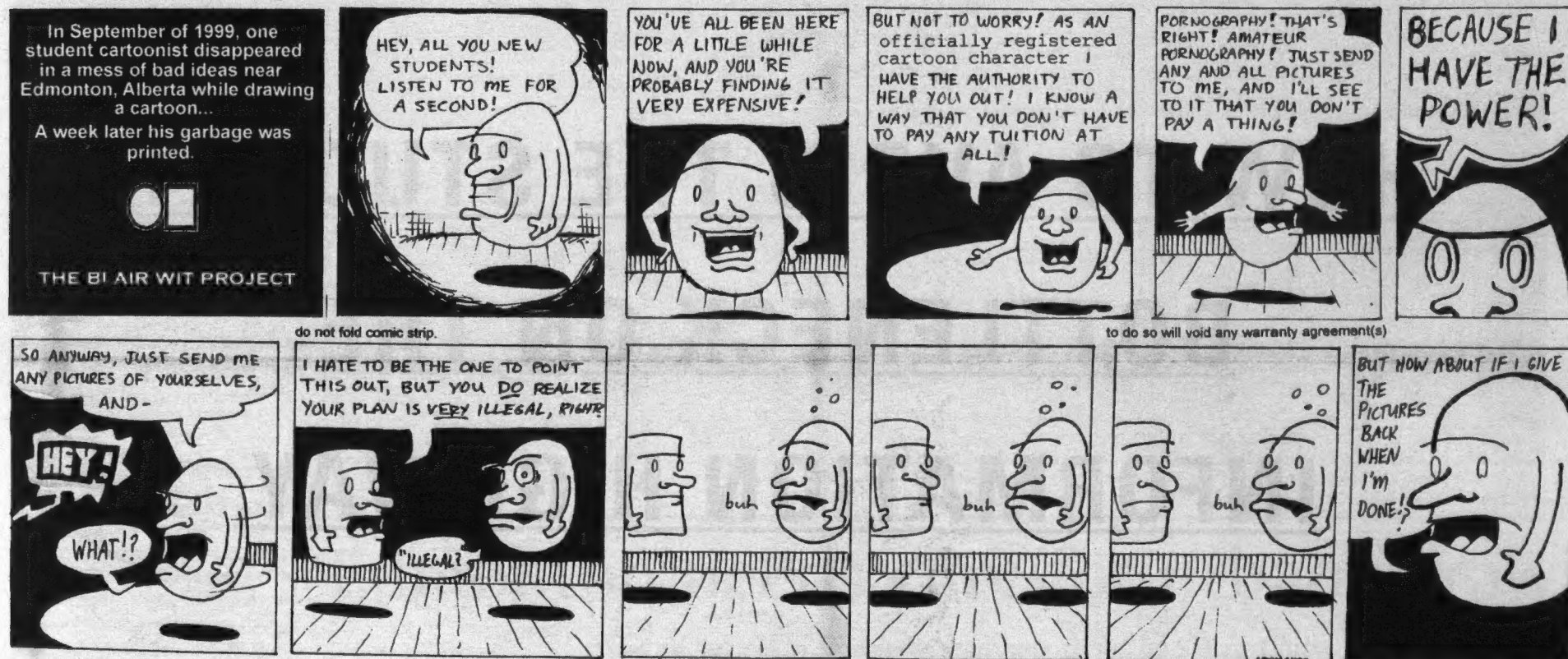
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## HAPPY BOB KNOWS

**International Centre presents Study Abroad Fair** on Friday, September 24 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There is no charge for admission. The location is Main floor SUB. Talk to current and returning exchange students about how to study abroad paying regular U of A tuition and fees and obtaining credit towards your degree for more info contact Carmen at 492-0089. Department of English presents Mary Baine Campbell, Brandeis University on Friday, September 24 at 5:00 pm. There is no charge for admission. The location is HC 4-29. Lecture title: "American Anthropology and the Boundary of Skin: Canada 1924".

**Centre for Health Promotion Studies presents "The Meaning of Home to Older Rural People"** on Friday, September 24 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. There is no charge for admission. The location is Tory Breezeway 2 (TBW-2). An informal presentation for researchers, practitioners, students, and policy makers with an interest in health promotions presented by Pam Ralston. For more info contact Linda Vaudan at 492-8661.

**U of A Library presents University of Alberta Library Booksale** on Saturday,

September 25 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, September 26 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. There is no charge for admission. The location is Stanley A. Milner Library, level P3N of the Library Parkade, 100 Street & 102 Avenue.

**University of Alberta Science Undergraduate Society presents Welcome to Science** on Friday, September 24 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. There is no charge for admission. The location is Dinwoodie Lounge, 2nd Floor, SUB. Official welcome to science for all first year science students. Free food, drinks, and prizes are available. All welcome for more info contact UASUS at 492-2099.

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